

REMARKS

1. The Examiner has rejected claims 21, 22, and 25-31 under 35 U. S. C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Uesugi et al. (JP 2001-36069 A).

Claims 21, 22, and 25-31 have been canceled.

2. The Examiner has rejected claim 23 under 35 U. S. C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Uesugi et al. (JP 2001-36069 -A).

Claim 23 has been canceled.

3. The Examiner has allowed claims 2-12, 14-19, and 35-50.

4. The Examiner has objected to claims 24, 32, and 33 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner has further indicated that claims 24, 32, and 33 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 24, 32, and 33 are amended and rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, it is believed that claims 24, 32, and 33 as amended are allowable.

5. Claims 1, 13, 20-23, 25-31, and 34 have been canceled.

6. Claims 2-12, 14-19, 24, 32-33, and 35-50 are now pending in the present application and are believed to be in condition of allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully solicited.

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